

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Application of: ) ATTENTION APPLICATIONS BRANCH  
 Daniel GIRARD )  
 Application No.: 10/522,584 ) International Application No.: PCT/CA03/00991  
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 For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HOLDING IN POSITION ADJACENT  
 FACING ENDS OF TUBE SECTIONS FOR JOINING THEM BY WELDING

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated December 2, 2005, submitted herewith are the following:

1. Late Filing fee/Declaration Surcharge for Small Entity (\$65.00);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (2 months) and Fee Small Entity (\$225.00);
3. Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney;
4. Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity – Small Business Concern;
5. Assignment Document, Recordation Cover sheet and Check for Fee of \$40.00;
6. Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements; and
7. Check in the amount of \$290.00 (covering \$65 Surcharge and Extension fee \$225).

The above-identified fees are enclosed by two checks for the amounts described above. No additional fee is believed necessary. However, please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-2036 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/26/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/26/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/26/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 01/26/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 01/26/2005
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 01/26/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/26/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 01/26/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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